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In re application of: Baichwal et al.

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For: *RIP: Novel Human Protein Involved in
Tumor Necrosis Factor Signal Transduction*

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This is a DIV of USSN 09/132,118, filed on
August 11, 1998.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Commissioner of Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Commissioner:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

a) At page 1, line 5, please replace the sentence "This is a ...Oct 23, 1995" with--This application is a divisional application of and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to US Application Serial No. 09/132,118, filed August 11, 1998, which is a continuing application of and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to US Application Serial No. 08/553,727, filed on October 23, 1995, which are incorporated herein by reference--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 4 and 7-9, make the following amendments and add new claims 10-34 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A[n isolated] recombinant polynucleotide encoding a RIP-Thr⁵¹⁴ polypeptide, said polypeptide comprising at least 10 consecutive amino acid residues of the amino acid sequence set forth as SEQ ID NO:2, which consecutive amino acid residues comprise the amino acid residue 514 (Thr) of SEQ ID NO:2.